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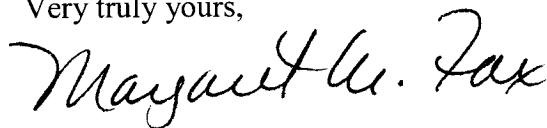
**Re: Petition for Extended Area Calling Area from Bluffton/
Sun City Hilton Head Area to Hilton Head Island
Docket No. 2005-204-C**

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Bluffton Telephone Company and Hargray Telephone Company, please find a Motion To Hold Proceeding In Abeyance in the above-referenced matter. By copy of this letter and Certificate of Service, all parties of record are being served with a copy of this Motion by U. S. Mail.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



Margaret M. Fox

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Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-204-C

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Hilton Head Island)
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MOTION TO HOLD PROCEEDING IN ABEYANCE

Bluffton Telephone Company ("Bluffton") and Hargray Telephone Company ("Hargray") (collectively the "Companies") hereby respectfully request that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") hold the above-captioned proceeding in abeyance pending review and resolution of the Petition filed by the Companies on April 3, 2006, requesting implementation of an Extended Area Service ("EAS") plan. This motion is made on the following grounds:

1. The above-captioned proceeding was initiated by the filing of a request by a Bluffton customer for local calling from the Bluffton/Sun City Hilton Head area (i.e., Bluffton's Bluffton exchange) to Hilton Head Island (i.e., Hargray's Hilton Head exchange).
2. Cost studies were performed in the above-referenced docket, and the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has recommended that Bluffton customers be balloted to determine whether they are in favor of EAS calling from Bluffton to Hilton Head Island at a

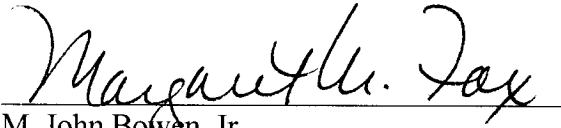
rate of \$5.30 (which, pursuant to ORS' recommendation, would break out to \$4.18 for residential customers and \$8.36 for business customers).

3. The Companies subsequently examined cost data and customer calling patterns to determine whether another extended area calling plan could be ordered and implemented that would offer a simple, comprehensive, long-term solution to the needs and desires of both Bluffton and Hargray customers for expanded calling within the region. On April 3, 2006, the Companies filed an EAS plan which they believe accomplishes these goals.

4. The EAS plan described in the Companies' EAS Petition would replace existing plans and would negate the need for EAS between Bluffton and Hilton Head. Therefore, in order to avoid customer confusion, and to maximize the use of the Commission's and the Companies' resources, the Companies believe it would be in the public interest for the Commission to consider the more comprehensive plan prior to taking action on the more limited proposal to ballot customers with respect to a Bluffton-Hilton Head EAS route.

WHEREFORE, the Companies respectfully request that the Commission grant this motion to hold the above-captioned proceeding in abeyance pending review and resolution of the EAS Petition filed by the Companies on April 3, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Margaret M. Fox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

M. John Bowen, Jr.

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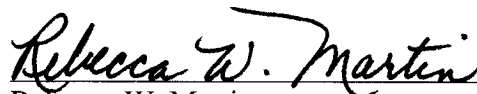
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**CERTIFICATE
OF SERVICE**

I, Rebecca W. Martin, Secretary for McNair Law Firm, P. A., do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of a Motion to Hold Proceeding in Abeyance regarding the above-referenced matter on the following parties of record by causing said copies to be deposited with the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below.

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